tors, including M.Ps., wherein it has been stated that China has turned Tibet into nuclear base and has settled millions of Chinese there; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government regard Tibet as an autonomous part of the People's Republic of China.

Hope Textile Mills Limited, Indore

1596. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in a suit filed by the affected workers of Hope Textile Mills Limited, Indore the Supreme Court has recently passed orders in favour of the workers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the orders of the Supreme Court are complied with without any loss of time and payment made to the workers at the earliest; and

(c) by when, the workers are likely to be paid accordingly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Supreme Court has given appropriate directions to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Drought conditions in Ghana Bird Sanctuary

1597. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ghana Bird sanctuary near Bharatpur is in the grip of a worst ever drought, forcing big flocks of birds to move to neighbouring areas;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Sanctuary is facing the threat of increased pollution changing the water chemistry of the Sanctuary;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what effective steps Government propose to take in the matter;

(d) what are the major recommendations of the Ramakrishna Committee and whether the Rajasthan Government has implemented these recommendations; and

(e) whether the Central Government will take over the management of the Sanctuary in view of its international importance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Though the protected area is facing a drought, the birds are not moving to neighbouring areas, according to a report of the Rajasthan Government.

(b) and (c) It is reported that there is no increased pollution threat to this protected area and its water chemistry has not changed.

(d) A statement giving the major recommendations is attached (*See* below). It cannot be stated as to which of the recommendations of the Ramakrishna Committee would be accepted by the Government of Rajasthan.

(e) No, Sir.

Statement

1. Fires as accidents should be prevented in future. However, the use of fire as a management tool may not be ruled out as the wild growth of dry scrub cannot be totally eliminated without controlled burning.

2. Wetland grass should be controlled primarily through buldozing and grass after removal should be disposed of amongst the adjoining villages for stock-feeding. Grazing should not be in any case be permitted and the feral cattle population should be controlled.

3. Khus grass should be exploited to control it.

4. In the current season both wetland and dryland grass should be controlled by head-load extraction permits given to ajacent villagers on a ration-card basis.

5. For prevention of fires, extensive fire-lines be made and controlled burning be practiced. No single block of grass should be more than 50 hectares

6. The National Park is highly deficient in fire-fighting resources, both of men and material. Necessary fire-fighting equipment including water tankers need to be obtained. Forest guards should be given territorial duties and constant training practice in handling fire beaters.

7. A manual should be got prepared for fire fighting.

8. A peripheral road should be got constructed for improving commuting and communications. The wireless network should be improved.

9. The action should be taken to rehabilitate villagers affected by the stoppage of grazing.

10. The adequate filling of the Ajan Bandh be ensured by a joint management of the water flow by both the Forest and Irrigation Departments.

11. While taking care that the ecological importance of the park is not affected by tourism, the education aspects of management need to be improved.

12. The administration of the Park should be vested in an autonomous board with a separate accounting entity.

13. Electric Vans or trolleys be purchased for the movement of tourists.

Dispute in B.M. Institute of Mental Health, Ahmedabad.

1598. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the three year old dispute between the management and staff of the B. M. Institute of Mental Health, Ahmedabad;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the management has flouted several court directives including that of the Supreme Court; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that court orders are enforced and the rights of workers and employees of the Institute protected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information which is being collected, will be laid on the Table of the House

Supply of fighter aircraft to Pakistan by a US firm in collaboration with China

1599. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that a US firm Gruman is collaborating with China to supply about 100 fighter aircrafts to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to counter such a threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government are aware that in January, 1987, the US company Gruman announced that it was beginning a feasibility study to examine the possibility of marrying Chinese F-7 air frames with US engines and avionics.